

# “Laughing Lincoln” Sculpture

Century Walk

Naperville IL

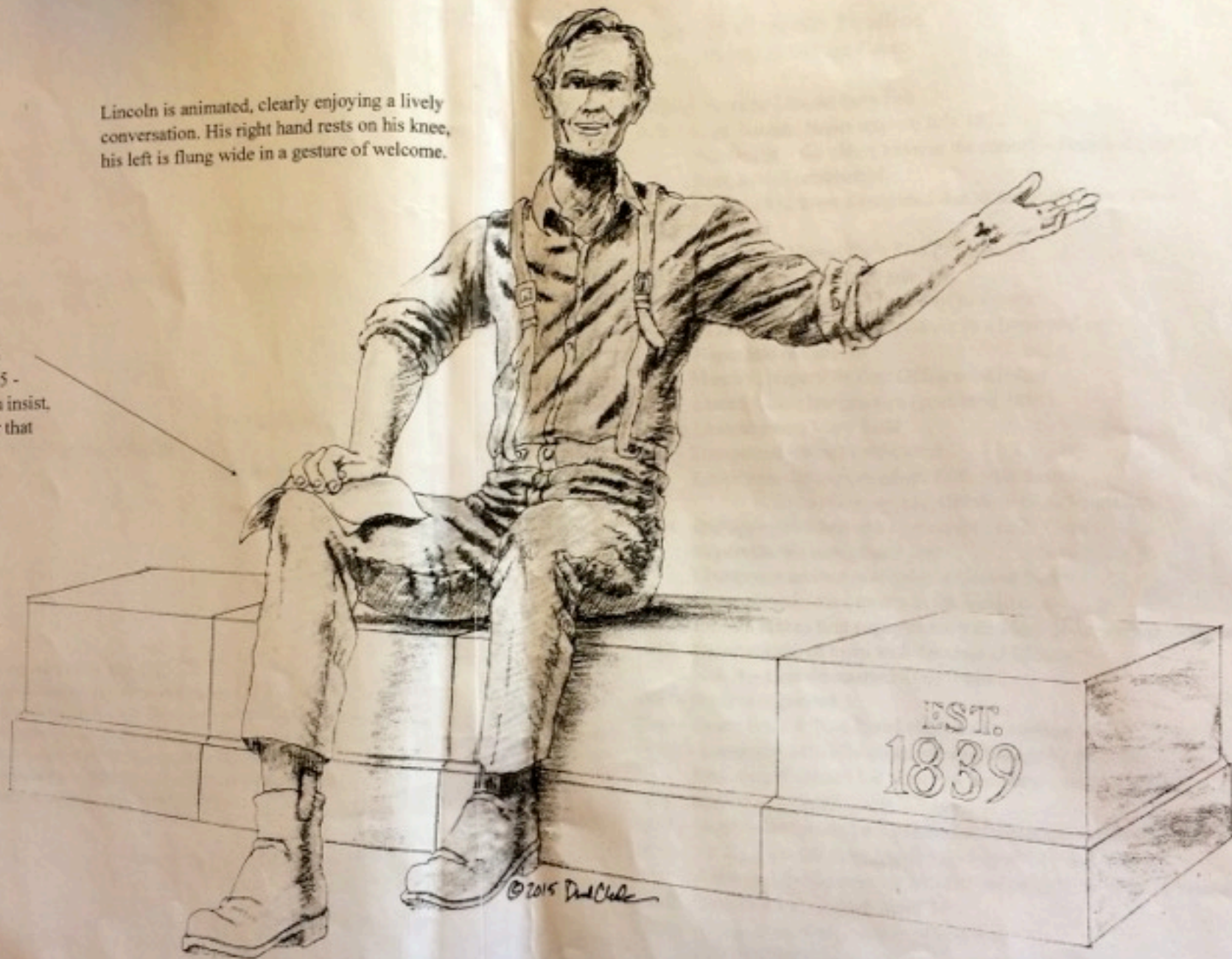
# Background

- \* First DuPage County seat in Naperville
- \* Lincoln & Naper served in legislature together
- \* Central Park deeded to citizens of Naperville
- \* Don Wehrli Central Park champion
- \* “Laughing Lincoln” sculpture proposed to Century Walk
- \* Central Park site proposed to NPD 3/2017



Lincoln is animated, clearly enjoying a lively conversation. His right hand rests on his knee, his left is flung wide in a gesture of welcome.

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**“LAUGHING LINCOLN”**

**LIFE-SIZE ON LOCAL LIMESTONE**

**PRELIMINARY IDEA SKETCH**

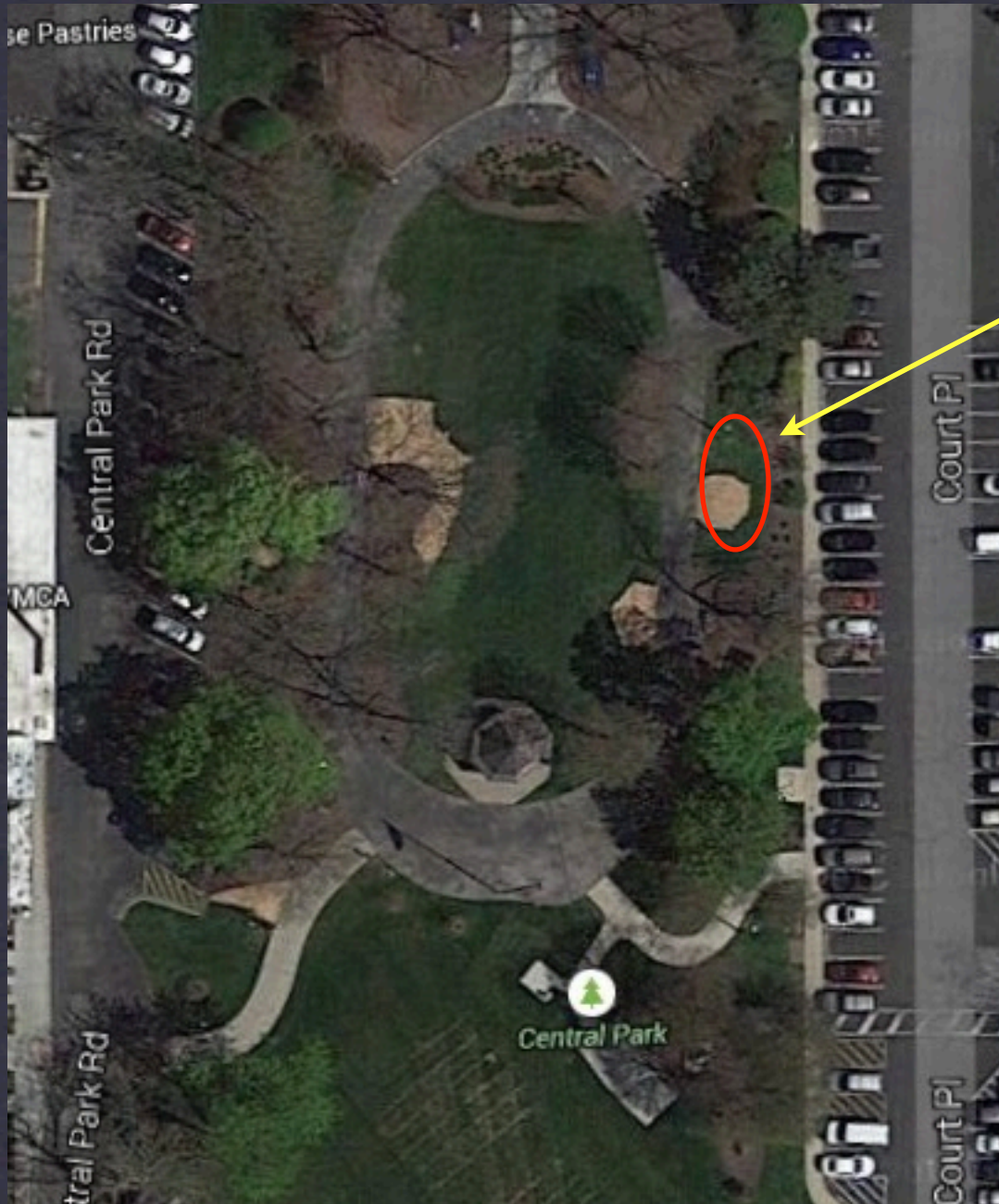


**BRINGS  
ATTENTION TO  
THE “CENTRAL  
LAWN”**

**ADVANTAGE OF  
SUNSHINE FOR  
PHOTOS**

**DOESN'T TAKE  
UP CONCERT  
SEATING**

**NOT A  
PLAYGROUND  
FEATURE**



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**INTEGRATES  
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## **PREFERRED SITE**

**CENTRAL PARK      DOWNTOWN NAPERVILLE**





**CENTRAL PARK**  
VICINITY OF COURT HOUSE

**LOCATION "B"**

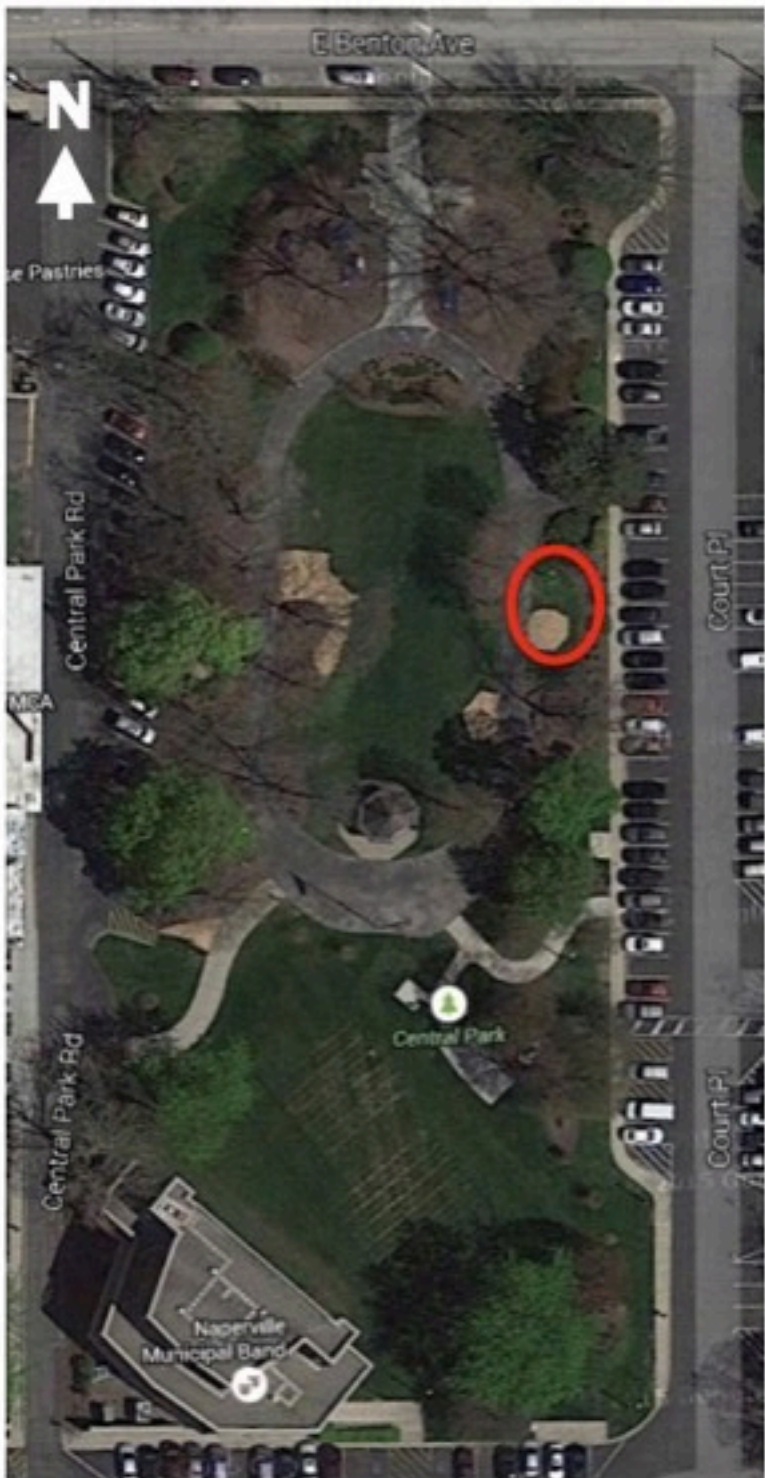


# Process

- \* Location approval by NPD & City
- \* Site designed & constructed by September 29th\*
- \* Cornerstone Dedication September 30th at Century Walk's "Laughing Lincoln Jubilee"
- \* "Laughing Lincoln" Dedication December 2nd as part of Century Walk's "Laughing Lincoln Gala"

**\* LAST BAND CONCERT IS AUGUST 16TH**





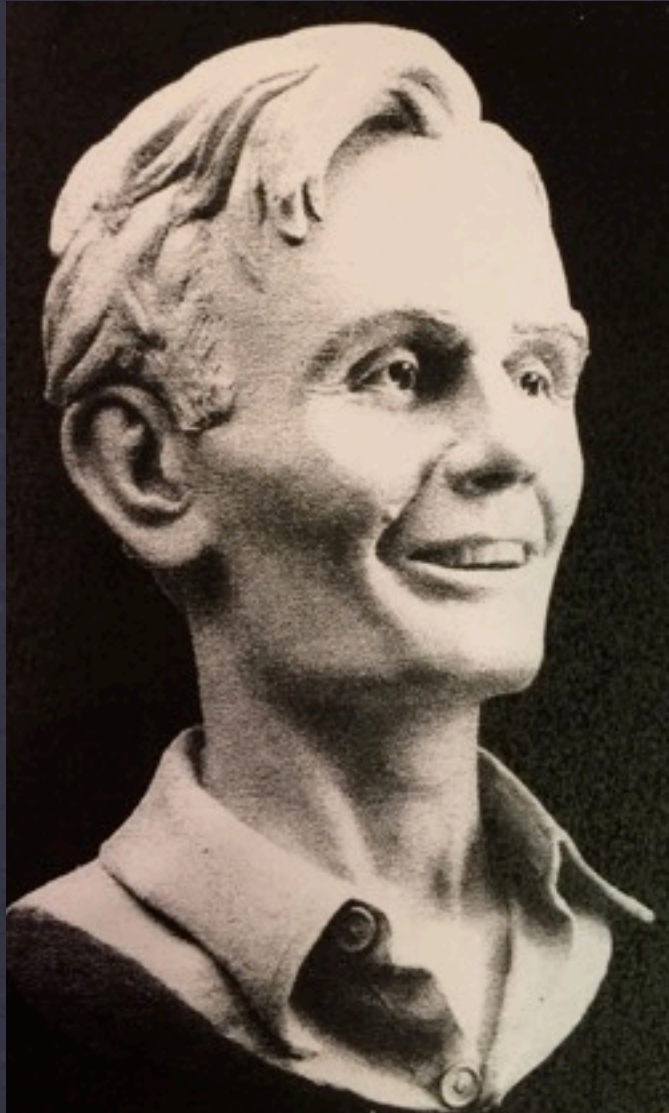
**“Laughing Lincoln”  
sculpture site considerations**

- Draws people to an underutilized section of the park.
- The afternoon sun highlights the sculpture.
- Great visibility/focal point of Central Lawn.
- Integrates nicely into existing sitting area.
- Does not take away concert seating area.
- Is not a playground feature.

Central Park, Downtown, Naperville IL







**Questions?**